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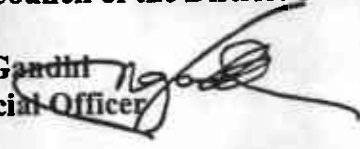
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Linda W. Cropp
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi 
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: MAY 25 2005

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Physical Therapy Assistant
Licensure Amendment Act of 2005."

REFERENCE: Draft Resolution to be Introduced

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the Mayor's and Council's proposed FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. This legislation will generate sufficient revenue via licensure and renewal fees to fund the administrative and operational costs of the program.

Background

The proposed legislation amends the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985 to require physical therapy assistants to be licensed by the Board of Physical Therapy. The legislation requires the Board of Physical Therapy to include two physical therapy assistants as members, and extends the purview of the Board to include oversight of procedures and standards for licensing physical therapy assistants in the District.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. The table in Figure 1 estimates fee collections for the licensure required by the legislation of physical therapy assistants.

Figure 1.

Estimated Revenue from Licensure Fees of Physical Therapy Assistants in the District (\$100,000)				
FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	TOTAL
\$40.4	\$20.2	\$31	\$31	\$122.6

In FY 2006, projected revenues from licensure fees are \$40,400 based on the expected licensure of 200 physical therapy assistants at the new license fee of \$202.00 per person. In addition to the estimated 150 physical therapy assistants currently practicing in the District, a percentage of the 2,524 physical therapy assistants currently licensed in Maryland and Virginia are also expected to seek licensure in the District. FY 2007 revenue projections estimate 100 new licensees in the District; FY 2008 and 2009 estimates are based on the license renewal fees of \$137.00 required every two years as well as a nominal increase in new licensees during the early years of the program.

Staffing needs of the proposed legislation will be limited to a portion of one FTE at the DS 9-1 level who will serve as a health licensing specialist. The expected proportional cost of funding this position will be offset by the revenue generated by the licensing fees.